

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 14, AMEND claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, and 18 and ADD new claims 21 and 22 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A web site system including a center site and a plurality of ~~the~~ service sites accessible through said center site; ~~;~~ said web site system comprising:

a member information database managed in said center site and storing member information, wherein:

said member information database stores the member information obtained through said center site or said plurality of the service sites; ~~and,~~ in which the member information includes a home address and a proximal station name of a user when the member information is registered to said information database so as to retrieve information available in at least one of a predetermined range of the home address and a predetermined range of a proximal station specified by the proximal station name.

~~said center site sends the member information stored in said member information database to said plurality of said service sites; and~~

~~said center site searches for one of the plurality of service sites based on information indicating a location of a user from the member information stored in the member information database and provides a search result to the user via a service site accessed by the user.~~

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The web site system as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the user accesses one service site of the plurality of service sites through said center site, said center site retrieves the member information corresponding to the user from said member information database and sends the member information including a search range, to said one service site.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The web site system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said center site retrieves the member information of the user from said member information database, classifies the member information, and sends a class of the member information as a part of or as the entire member information.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The web site system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said center site sends member ID information to one of the plurality of service sites corresponding to the user, where said one of the service sites retrieves the member information including the search range of the user from said center site by using said member ID information.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The web site system as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the user performs an action at one of said plurality of service sites, said one of the service sites sends information corresponding to said action performed by the user to said center site.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The web site system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said center site updates the member information of the user in said member information database by using said information corresponding to said action performed by the user.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A center site including a member information database storing member information, comprising:

an updating part updating said member information in response to each action performed by a user at service sites;

a sending part sending the member information, when the user accesses one of the service sites or when any one of said service sites inquires as to the member information; and

~~a searching part searching for one of the plurality of service sites based on information indicating a location of a user from the member information stored in the member information database and providing a search result to the user via a service site accessed by the user,~~

wherein each member information from said service sites connected to said center site is stored in said member information database and said member information database is a single database for said service sites, in which said each member information includes a home address and a proximal station name of the user so as to retrieve information available in at least one of a predetermined range of the home address and a predetermined range of a proximal station specified by the proximal station name which are defined as a search range.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service site accessible through a center site including a member information database storing member information, said service site comprising:

an action information sending part sending information concerning an action of a user to update said member information database when the user performs the action at said service site,

wherein said member information of said member information database in said center site is updated by and shared with other service sites accessible through said center site, and said member information includes a home address and a proximal station name of the user so as to retrieve information available in at least one of a predetermined range of the home address and a predetermined range of a proximal station specified by the proximal station name which are defined as a search range; and

wherein the user made the action for the information retrieved based on the search range.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The service site as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

a member information obtaining part obtaining the member information including the search range of the user from said center site when the user accesses said service site through said center site.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The service site as claimed in claim 8, wherein said member information obtaining part provides information specifying the user as a member to said center site so as to obtain the member information including the search range of the user from said center site.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method to search information, said method conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising :

providing information suitable for a service type by changing a search region for each service type.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method to search information, said method conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising :

registering a service region for each shop providing a service to a user; and

registering a home address and a proximal station name of the user so as to retrieve information available in at least one of a predetermined range of the home address and a predetermined range of a proximal station specified by the proximal station name which are defined as a search range; and

searching shops based on the service region and the search range, so that information related to one shop located in the search range is not retrieved in said searching when the registered service region of the one shop is out of a search region.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method to search information ~~and~~ conducted by one of plural service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising:

creating a searching expression based on each specific institution around a current location of a user; and

providing information corresponding to the specific institutions around a current location of the user based on the searching expression created, wherein:

said providing of the information corresponding to the specific institutions provides information suitable for a user state by changing a search condition based on a moving speed of the user,

so that when the user moves by a train, information related to super markets and stations along a moving direction is excluded.

14. (CANCELLED)

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for searching information and conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising:

providing information suitable for a moving direction of a user by changing a search condition based on the moving direction.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for searching information and conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising:

providing information suitable for a moved distance of a user by changing a search condition based on the moved distance.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for searching information, said method conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising:-

obtaining a current location of a user;

storing information indicating the current location as a move history; and

providing information suitable for a the move history of a the user by changing a search condition based on the move history,

wherein said one of said service sites determines the current location of the user is a home of the user or a place for the user to commute when the current location has not been changed for a predetermined period.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for searching information, said method conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising:

providing information suitable for a weather condition of a user by changing a search condition based on the weather condition, wherein information available on foot is provided to a user terminal at a higher priority when the weather condition shows a fine day, and information available in a distance by a car, online shopping information, and delivery service information is provided to the user terminal at a higher priority when the weather condition shows a rainy day.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A web site system comprising a center site and service sites accessible through said center site, where the center site comprises a member information database, said member information database comprising:

a defining part defining a plurality of places as a single region; and

a registering part registering said single region to said member information database.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The member information database as claimed in claim 19, further comprising:

an excluding part specifying places to be excluded and excluding said places from said single region registered by said registering part.

21. (NEW) The method for search information as claimed in claim 17, wherein said one of said service sites determines the current location of the user is the home of the user when the current location has not been changed over night in weekdays, and changes the search condition to search for daily life information.

22. (NEW) The method for searching information as claimed in claim 17, wherein said one of said service sites determines the current location of the user is the place for the user to commute when the current location has not been changed for daytime in weekdays, and changes the search condition to search for information corresponding to the current location.